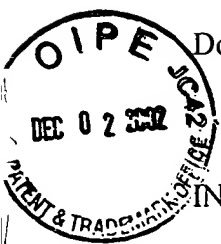


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Docket No. 6500-1801.2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

GALEN GAREIS

SERIAL NO: 09/929,613

FILED: August 13, 2001

FOR: A Cable Separator Spline

Examiner: William H. Mayo, III

Group Art Unit: 2831

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Attn: Office of Petitions
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- ☒ [x] AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES. If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of Issue Fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account 12-0913. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany this payment.
- ☐ [] Applicant hereby petitions for a ___-month extension and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the ___ month after the due date of _____. The payment of \$_____ to cover the ___ month extension is enclosed herewith.

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.181**

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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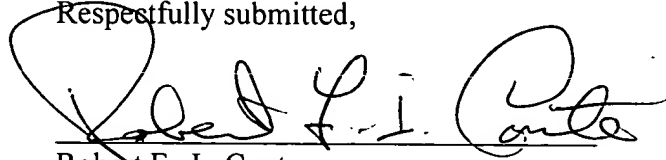
The above-described application became abandoned October 13, 2002, six (6) months after the Office records indicate it mailed a Final Office Action to applicant. A copy of the cover page of the Office Action bearing a stamp with a mailing date of April 12, 2002 is attached.

The Office has not yet mailed the Notice of Abandonment. The Office should withdraw the holding of abandonment. The office, upon proper allegations that an Office Action was never received may withdraw a holding of abandonment. See MPEP 711.03(c)II. Proper allegations require a statement from the practitioner stating the office communication was not received by the practitioner and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the communication was not received. Id. A copy of the docket record where the non-received office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement. Id. Proper allegations should be made within two (2) months of the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment. Id. In compliance with the requirements, practitioner sets forth the required timely statements below and attaches the required docket proof.

The undersigned practitioner states that the office communication having a mailing date of April 12, 2002, cover page attached hereto, was not received by the practitioner. The undersigned made a search of the file jacket and docket records and both of these indicate that the office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record for the non-received office communication that would have been entered had it been received and docketed is attached. The undersigned found out about the abandonment as a result of the courtesy call from the Examiner. The Examiner thought something was wrong after he received an IDS from applicant on October 9th. The Examiner graciously faxed the undersigned the non-received Office Action.

As applicant has complied with all of the requirements of the petition to withdraw holding of abandonment, the abandonment should be withdrawn and a new Final Office Action mailed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. I. Conte", written over a horizontal line.

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1. Petition to Withdraw Holding of
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2. Certificate of Mailing
3. Return Post Card

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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This application is based on International Application No. PCT/GB00/01042 filed 3/20/00; priority nos. GB9906584.9 filed 3/22/99; GB9908923.7 filed 4/19/99; GB9908917.9 filed 4/19/99

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